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1. The northern quay* of the port of Chongjin has accommodation for at least six 300-foot ships.

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2. The dimensions of the quay are as follows:

Length: West sections 11 feet and 1,200 feet.
East section 800 feet.
Width: 37 feet.
Height: 6 to 8 feet. The tide rises and falls about 2 feet.
Depth alongside: 4 to 5 fathoms.

3. The extension at the west end of the quay has two main-line gauge tracks. However, the surface of the jetty has been damaged at the outboard end, and until repairs have been completed rail cars cannot reach the dockside. On these rails there were a number (at least four) of oil tank cars.

4. The quay is stone-faced and has a concrete surface.

5. On the eastern jetty, on chocks, were a number of Minelayer-type craft. Two small destroyers of 900-1000 tons were lying stern to by the jetty. Three masts which apparently belonged to other small destroyers could be seen in the inner harbor beyond the jetty.

6. The Soviet merchant ship in port still had her wartime gun platforms shipped.

7. An unspecified number of Soviet naval officers and men were in evidence. Korean petty officers were drilling a party of about 100 Korean sailors on the wharf.

8. The Chinese merchants who travelled on the ship were the only people allowed beyond the wharf in the immediate vicinity of the ship.

* Comment. This appears to be the Commercial Harbor described in JANIS 75, Chapter VI.

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Comment. there are no cranes; only ships' derricks are used.

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